

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 17, and 22-28 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 22, 25, and 28 have been rejected. Claims 7, 17, 24, 26, and 27 are allowed, and claim 23 is indicated to have allowable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested

Claims 3, 8, 22, 25 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Murata (US 2001/0052994). Claims 3, 4 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Reelee (US 6567190). Claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Murata in view of Fredlund et al. (US 5666215). Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Han (US 6608707) in view of well known prior art (MPEP 2144.05). Applicants traverse each of the rejections for at least the following reasons.

Applicants herein cancel claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 22, 23, 25, and 28 in order to further prosecution. Applicants retain the right to pursue this subject matter in a timely filed continuation application, should one be desired. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are in order.

Applicants submit all of remaining claims 7, 17, 24, 26, and 27 are in condition for allowance for reasons of record. Prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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